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2 **INTERVIEWER:** Hello, everybody. How are you?
3 Anything new in your lives?

4 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Well, this is our second
5 official press conference, as we have determined previously, and
6 a lot has happened in the past week, more or less happened in
7 the country in the past month, I think.

8 I'm sure you all have a lot of questions,
9 especially around the GoFundMe and alternatives for funding that
10 have occurred. There's (audio skip).

11 I guess what we'll say first is obviously, we
12 know GoFundMe has pulled the funding, and has been put on --
13 under some very serious pressure, and as a result, they have
14 just decided they're going to refund everybody who donated to
15 the campaign, all 150, 170,000 people are beginning (audio skip)
16 donations, so getting their donations refunded to them.

17 And the first thing that we set up for the
18 alternative on GiveSendGo to replace GoFundMe, it hit \$1.5
19 million in the first day -- sorry, under 24 hours. I think it's
20 closer to \$2 million now.

21 We've also had (audio skip) people in the Bitcoin
22 community, which is new to a lot of you here, and the latest
23 note I just got on a Multisig wallet, which -- well, it's not
24 really all that important -- there's \$300,000 just in that
25 account in Bitcoin load as well as many other alternative
26 wallets that people have just posted in the wallet, posted
27 online, saying, "Throw your money here, and we're going to give
28 it to the Freedom Convoy."

1 So a lot of people have been very concerned over
2 the censorship but I think we have it under control. Our
3 trajectory now is even better than it was with GoFundMe, but
4 we'll talk about that more as you have any questions.

5 I think that's it for now on my end.

6 We have Keith here, who is our legal
7 representative, so if you have any questions for him directly,
8 he's going to answer your questions.

9 So yeah, let's start. What do you guys want to
10 know?

11 **MR. LINCOLN JAY:** Lincoln Jay with Rebel News.

12 Now, have you guys considered taking any legal
13 action towards the issue with the money being seized from
14 GoFundMe? Is that in consideration at all? Are you able to
15 comment on that?

16 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** Sure. Given that the
17 marketplace has spoken and people are now -- have lost faith in
18 GoFundMe, given that GoFundMe is going to be, on its own
19 initiative, returning the money to the donors who are supportive
20 of the truckers' efforts for freedom, it would just be a waste
21 of time to sue them. We don't need to sue them. We're focused
22 on moving forward and supporting the efforts of some Canadians
23 who are concerned about what's happening with the government.

24 **MR. LINCOLN JAY:** Now, has GoFundMe reached out
25 to you guys at all? Have you heard from any representative
26 from GoFundMe?

27 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** No.

28 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** We just got an alert and a

1 notice on our file saying, "Thank you." (Audio skip) "We are
2 going to terminate your campaign."

3 And initially what they said was they were going
4 to terminate it and anybody who doesn't request a refund, those
5 monies will be held for them to do with as they please, and they
6 suggested were likely going to donate it to a charity of their
7 choice.

8 And it was pressure from the competitor,
9 GiveSendGo, who issued a strategy for some of the donors, and
10 YOU NOW SEE Ron DeSantis and the Attorney General of Florida and
11 now a number of other states have decided they want a public
12 inquiry into GoFundMe.

13 So I think that over time, is going to work
14 itself out, but we got -- we had no notice. I mean, you were in
15 contact with them over the phone. There was communication. It
16 seemed to be okay, but the mayor, Mayor Watson, put publicly on
17 Twitter an announcement saying "Thank you to GoFundMe for
18 working with us to ensure that this campaign was (audio skip)"
19 but that it was shut down.

20 So it was clearly direct interference from the
21 government to cancel this campaign, and we should all be very,
22 very worried about that, in my humble opinion.

23 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** And to be clear, when we
24 received the email notifying us that they were effectively
25 cancelling the campaign and seizing people's hard-earned dollars
26 they had donated to the truckers and were going to divert them
27 to a charity of their choice unless people went through a refund
28 process, they sent us that email simultaneously with posting it

1 on the GoFundMe account. So we found out when the world found
2 out. There was no prior warning.

3 And we provided extensive legal documentation,
4 written correspondence from me to address all of the issues they
5 had raised. In their announcement, they talked about
6 information and the collaboration with the Ottawa Police
7 Service, and the Ottawa Police Service issued a Tweet
8 congratulating and praising GoFundMe for being responsive and
9 taking down these donations.

10 **INTERVIEWER:** Just, may you please talk loudly?

11 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Sure. We're not speaking loudly
12 enough?

13 **INTERVIEWER:** No.

14 **MR. LINCOLN JAY:** So the Ottawa Police released a
15 statement stating that they were going to be arresting anybody
16 that's bringing supplies to the truckers, right? Have they --
17 has anyone from the Ottawa Police reached out to you guys and
18 gave you guys any details on that? Have you seen -- have you
19 heard any word about that happening, as of yet?

20 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Not as far as I know.

21 **MS. TAMARA LICH:** Chris has been in contact with
22 them, but he's not here, unfortunately, so I can't -- yeah.

23 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** Yeah. The folks that run the
24 operation centre are aware of it. It's going to be acted upon
25 this evening. We're going to try and stay within the law, but
26 we're also going to challenge it to see if this is even legal.
27 Can the police chief or the mayor actually order that sort of
28 thing?

1 And just by way of context, a bit of background,
2 it's worth noting that with the prime minister having
3 essentially disappeared from the scene, Mayor Watson has been
4 effectively left in charge of the operation. His strategy, as
5 far as we can assess, is to starve out the convoy in every way
6 possible, i.e., money, fuel, food, medicine, that sort of stuff.

7 And to us, this is just one more really
8 incremental step in a battle which (inaudible) are losing.

9 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Something interesting, we're
10 just -- you know, we had an event this morning, the stage at the
11 main stage area. And when I had to go up there, since I just
12 did this, because Mayor Watson doesn't believe in salting his
13 sidewalks, the police stopped us three blocks away from the
14 stage, and despite us trying to talk to the police and allow us
15 to have the shuttle drive me to the stage, the police said
16 absolutely no. So I had a team that helped carry me to -- three
17 blocks to the stage.

18 But it wasn't Ottawa Police, it was OPP which I
19 thought very interesting.

20 So we do have a number of police services around
21 the area, Peel Police, Toronto Police, OPP, Ottawa. It's
22 interesting. I just thought it was -- I don't know what it
23 means, specifically. I just thought it was very odd that -- is
24 it perhaps because the Ottawa Police have a sense of community
25 and because of that, people know who they are, and this is where
26 we live, these are the friends and family, so they need to put
27 OPP officers out. Maybe not. I have no idea, but it's very
28 strange, somehow.

1 **MR. LINCOLN JAY:** If you could just reiterate one
2 more time? So can you just go over again -- so the legal -- if
3 you guys are taking any legal action towards GoFundMe?

4 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** Not at this time, no.

5 **MR. LINCOLN JAY:** Thank you.

6 Has anyone from the federal government,
7 provincial government, anyone like that reached out to you guys,
8 any communication whatsoever, or ---

9 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Behind the scenes, not in the
10 governing party, but in the opposition party we've had people
11 make overtures and reach out to us. And we're open to talking
12 to anybody, obviously.

13 They haven't materialized into any, you know,
14 formal conversation, meeting yet with me, but it seems to be
15 there is some will. They're just figuring out, you know, a
16 strategy to connect with us.

17 And I do imagine that the Liberal Party is doing
18 the same, because there seems to be a divide splitting up, at
19 least from our sources inside the Liberal Party, that there
20 seems to be a divide, and people are very frustrated. Elected
21 MPs of the Liberal Party are quite embarrassed that they're the
22 centre stage of the controversy where the Prime Minister runs
23 and hides and calls us all names like a five-year-old.

24 **MR. HARRISON FAULKNER:** Harrison Faulkner for
25 True North. Have you been in contact with any members from the
26 Conservative Party of Canada?

27 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** In an official capacity, as I've
28 just indicated? Not in any official capacity, but I'll leave it

1 there.

2 **INTERVIEWER:** Addison (phonetic), also with True
3 North. If Prime Minister Justin Trudeau or somebody from the
4 government reaches out and is open to negotiation, would you be
5 willing to negotiate a deal where you maybe don't get everything
6 you want but you get some things you want, maybe, like the
7 trucker vaccine mandate (inaudible) test or vaccine option,
8 would you be willing to negotiate something with the Prime
9 Minister or the government?

10 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Well, the first thing is, they
11 need to call, so we'll evaluate that when they pick up the phone
12 and call us and say, "We want to talk."

13 I would assume that all -- like, all politicians,
14 all political parties, they want to figure out how to reverse
15 this, end the situation in a way that it's safe for everybody,
16 and they don't come off looking in such a bad light, right?

17 And we're sympathetic to that. We understand
18 that. We get that. We know how politics works. But first
19 thing they got to do is call us. So we're sitting there. We're
20 waiting by the phone.

21 **INTERVIEWER:** Tamara, is there any concern that
22 you might have the same issue with GiveSendGo as you've had with
23 GoFundMe?

24 **MS. TAMARA LICH:** Not that I'm aware of, no.
25 We've -- Chad, the accountant's been dealing (audio skip) and
26 they seem really good. They have -- they run it a little bit
27 differently and so there's no concern there. (Audio skip).

28 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** We put in place and they

1 offered it, extensive written legal assurances that under no
2 circumstances would they withhold the donations made by those
3 who support the efforts of the truckers for freedom, and they're
4 comfortable that the monies are going to flow to the truckers
5 and in support of their efforts to cause the government to drop
6 these restrictions on Charter rights.

7 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** And in addition to that, I
8 received an email a couple of hours ago from Dave Rubin from the
9 Rubin Report connecting me with his executive team to build the
10 platform on locals as well (audio skip) to help us. Them and
11 Rebel want to help us fundraise and ensure that we don't have
12 any issues with any sort of censorship in the future. So I'm
13 going to be having a meeting with them tonight, and that will be
14 an additional place where people will be able to donate for the
15 cause.

16 **INTERVIEWER:** Are you able to comment on this
17 surge and contain strategy also that the Ottawa Police said that
18 they will be implementing the other day, because by the looks of
19 it outside, it doesn't look like anything's changed.

20 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** I think I'm going to ask Tom to
21 respond, but I just want to leave it up to -- I think a lot of
22 this has been a lot of bluff trying to be antagonistic towards
23 the truckers to get them angry, and everybody knows this has
24 turned out just to be the biggest party, the most friendly
25 atmosphere of a gathering of people in Ottawa's history. Like,
26 it's amazing.

27 So it's shocking, quite frankly, some of the
28 language some of the elected officials in Ottawa have been

1 using. I can't believe it. But that's their issue. We're here
2 just trying to be positive and we're just waiting for the
3 government.

4 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** I think in terms of an actual
5 strategy, as a lifelong intelligence officer who served in a
6 variety of environments, I would say the opposition to this
7 point doesn't actually have a strategy. They have a sort of
8 weak goal in that they want the streets cleared, but they have
9 no real idea how they want to get there.

10 Also, the CEO, the boss of the opposition, Prime
11 Minister Trudeau, has disappeared and left them leaderless,
12 which makes it difficult for them as well.

13 So with specific reference to your surge and
14 contain strategy, it's very clear that Mayor Watson (audio skip)
15 cutting off the water, cutting off the fuel, cutting off the
16 food, cutting off access, and they're starting to put more
17 pressure on by handing out tickets and doing this sort of thing.
18 They're trying to create an atmosphere of fear to scare everyone
19 to get them to go away.

20 I think where their surge and contain strategy is
21 failing is folks realize that Mayor Watson is -- I mean, I don't
22 want to be insulting -- but he's a kind of a puppet for Trudeau.
23 The two of them are tied close together, as they're tangled up
24 in the same SNC-Lavalin scandals through, you know, a multi-
25 billion-dollar problem here in Ottawa with our LRT, et cetera.

26 And yeah, there just isn't a strategy. So what
27 you're hearing -- seeing is a whole series of disconnected
28 tactics.

1 So as somebody who's used to sort of facing
2 opposition coming at you, you sort of look and say, "Okay. Is
3 this coordinated opposition where they hit you here, hit you
4 here, hit you there, and you say, 'Wow, I'm hurting', or are you
5 looking at them and you're going, 'Wow, what are these guys
6 doing? They're all over the place. They don't have a
7 strategy.'"

8 And I think that's where we're at. So the surge
9 and contain thing is a tactic. It's failing, I would assess;
10 it's going to get people more upset and it's going to help us.

11 So yeah. Anyway, that's my kind of immediate
12 thoughts on that.

13 **MR. DANIEL BULFORD:** If I may as well? So since
14 early last week when I got set up in the volunteer coordination
15 centre, I've been in constant communication with police liaisons
16 from Ottawa Police, RCMP, OPP, and the PPS, the Parliamentary
17 Protective Service. We have been completely open and sharing
18 information about anything that could be public safety or
19 security related.

20 So I was surprised by the chief's most recent
21 statement. It was strong language. I'm also cautiously
22 optimistic that it's more of a -- I won't say bluff tactic, but
23 a pressure tactic.

24 But when I see the disconnect between what's
25 happening on the ground from what you're hearing in the (audio
26 skip), that's a common theme in law enforcement. The top says
27 one thing, the ground -- that's not reflective of the ground
28 level. That's my experience in the RCMP anyway.

1 When you talk to most of these police officers on
2 the ground, like, the rapport has been good. My relationship
3 with the liaisons has been great, right? There's -- it's very
4 open and transparent, and we're trying to help each other every
5 day, make sure that this stays peaceful, because my primary
6 concern has always been the individual or small group bad actors
7 that are going to try and bring -- tarnish the reputation of
8 what we're trying to accomplish here, and they know that. The
9 police all know that. They all know that.

10 Like, at a ground level, they all know that this
11 group is here for everybody, and I make a point of saying that
12 to other police officers when I see them. It's like, "Just so
13 you know, in my mind and in my heart, we're doing this for all
14 of you as well."

15 And you know, they speak about -- I mean, the big
16 scary term that I have heard that most people are kind of
17 getting into a panic about is labelling us as "terrorists" and
18 we're holding the city hostage.

19 And I -- to me, that's laughable. Like, the last
20 eight years of my career (audio skip) and for the last -- right
21 here in the city, I've been on Parliament Hill and all of these
22 buildings countless times for these major events, you know,
23 Canada Day being the big token one almost every year, and when
24 you go downtown here right now, the atmosphere that you're going
25 to see, I've never seen people so joyful.

26 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Yeah.

27 **MR. DANIEL BULFORD:** Right? Even Canada Day
28 doesn't even hold a candle to our -- to this, right? People of

1 every background, complete strangers just dancing in the
2 streets, coming up and hugging each other and like, cheering for
3 freedom. That's what this ---

4 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** Families with kids.

5 **MR. DANIEL BULFORD:** Families with kids.

6 Terrorists? There's bouncy castles out there. People walking
7 around with their families, kids in tow, and every time I see
8 them, "Are you having fun?"

9 "Yeah."

10 Right? Like ---

11 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** Just, can I follow up with the
12 terrorist thing? Just by way of background, I'm ex-military
13 intelligence. I also worked for the RCMP for six years in
14 national security, the Integrated National Security Enforcement
15 Team. I'm one of the few court experts in the country on
16 terrorism, and I'm a declared court expert both in criminal
17 court, which is to say Ontario Superior Court, as well as
18 federal court.

19 And I've testified both on behalf of the RCMP
20 against an Al-Qaeda inspired terrorist pod that was operating
21 partly out of Ottawa, and just for the Islamophobes out there,
22 I've also testified a couple of times in court of behalf of
23 Muslims who have been wrongly accused of being terrorists when
24 in fact, they were guilty of DWI, driving while Islamic.

25 So if there is -- if we smell a terrorist, if we
26 see the hint of a terrorist, if I see two words together which
27 to me, connect towards political violence, the first call we
28 have is to the Integrated National Security Enforcement Team of

1 the RCMP; second call goes to the Ottawa Police Intelligence
2 Section.

3 So we have got no information nowhere, nothing,
4 of anybody operating within our ranks or even around us who has
5 the intention to carry out an act of political violence (audio
6 skip).

7 **MR. DANIEL BULFORD:** Well, and on that note, I
8 have a -- I actually know the officer in charge of the
9 Integrated National Security Enforcement Team here in Ottawa.
10 We have a great relationship, or in the past we did anyway. I
11 have met with him multiple times over the last roughly four
12 years of my time at the team here in Ottawa. I was leading an
13 initiative to go around to senior managers of the RCMP in
14 different units to try and convince them that the best
15 utilization of my team here in Ottawa, instead of spending the
16 majority of our time doing protective operations, was to become
17 a designated national counter-terrorist hostage rescue team.

18 So I hear those comments about we're taking the
19 city hostage, and we're terrorists. I spent the last four years
20 of my career trying to convince the RCMP to make my team what
21 the FBI hostage rescue team is in the United States.

22 And we had a little bit of traction with it,
23 because I -- they actually sent me to Quantico, Virginia, and I
24 got to train with the FBI hostage rescue team for a week.

25 So if there was any hint of any kind of
26 legitimacy to this notion that we're terrorists, we would have
27 nothing to do with that, obviously. It's ridiculous. It's a
28 ridiculous notion.

1 **INTERVIEWER:** We're also seeing some articles
2 online stating that tow truck companies around the City of
3 Ottawa are denying service requested by the government. Are you
4 guys able to comment on that? Do you have any more details on
5 that?

6 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** Yeah, I'll comment on that.

7 The short answer is tow truck companies right
8 across the country, in Alberta, Ontario, whatever have either
9 politely refused requests from the government to assist, or not
10 so quite politely refused requests for assistance.

11 We had a gentleman call us up from Buffalo, New
12 York. He's got a big Class A truck dealership just outside of
13 Buffalo. He's also got a series of highway wreckers that Class
14 A tow trucks that can tow, like, super heavy loads.

15 And he gets a phone call in his office. And
16 it's, "Hi. It's the federal government calling. You guys have
17 highway tractors that -- you know, highway tow trucks?"

18 And he said, "Yeah, I do."

19 "Can you bring them up to Canada?"

20 And he was like, "Why would I do that? Like,
21 what's going on? What's going on?"

22 And they said, "Well, it's that thing in Ottawa."

23 And of course, he knew exactly what was going on.
24 So he politely told them that he couldn't do operations in
25 Canada for insurance reasons.

26 But what it shows is, the federal government in
27 Ottawa is reaching all the way down to Buffalo, New York, trying
28 to find a tow truck, and they can't get one, because the

1 trucking industry is somewhat of a brotherhood, much like the
2 military, much like the police, and we do kind of all know each
3 other, and no tow truck company that wants to be in business for
4 more than a week after this is going to help out.

5 So like I said, they're reaching all the way to
6 Buffalo, New York trying to scrounge up tow trucks.

7 So what's actually happening now, we have a
8 network of tow truck operators who are talking to each other to
9 see who's being called and who's not.

10 Short answer is, they're having a hard time
11 getting tow trucks.

12 **MS. BETH BAISCH:** Hi. Beth Baisch, Post
13 Millennial.

14 Last week, you said the Conservatives would be
15 wise to remove Erin O'Toole as leader and install someone like
16 Pierre Poilievre as leader.

17 Since then, O'Toole has been removed and just
18 yesterday, Pierre announced his intention to run for leader.

19 Do you think the convoy is having an effect on
20 the Conservative Party and its current comment?

21 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** I was, in a "trollie" way,
22 running the hashtag "nothing to do with truckers" because there
23 were people putting out in the -- we'll call it the legacy media
24 -- saying that, you know, policy officials are looking at
25 change, but it has nothing to do with truckers. (Audio skip)
26 exclusively us (audio skip), but I think we might have just
27 pushed everything over the edge and there are a lot of people
28 beyond us, you know, on the ground that have been very upset

1 with the direction of the Conservative Party ever since Erin --
2 well, not even -- Andrew Scheer as well was the problem. And
3 this has been their opportunity to reverse course. And I think
4 they realize that they need to go back to their core values.
5 And I (audio skip) the Liberal Party to do the same thing.

6 The Conservatives got to be conservative and
7 Liberals got to be liberal. They got to bend in this cult-like
8 practice of what they're doing with the aggressive nonsense.

9 So to answer your question, I don't think it's
10 exclusive (audio skip) and -- but we're hopeful that change is
11 on the horizon.

12 **MS. BETH BAISCH:** And have any residents of
13 Ottawa been (audio skip) here on mainstream media, specifically
14 the negative side of it?

15 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** We were served with an
16 injunction application on behalf of a lawyer, a personal injury
17 lawyer, representing a person in the downtown, a resident, and
18 we had an emergency application on Saturday afternoon. The
19 lawyer chose to send us hundreds of pages of complex legal
20 documents within the hour before the application. The judge
21 agreed that it would be improper for that application to
22 proceed; it would be unfair to our side, and that matter's been
23 rescheduled to tomorrow afternoon at 1:00.

24 In preparation for responding to the injunction
25 application (audio skip) alleges an inappropriate level of
26 impact to the residents in the downtown, we have had, at last
27 report I received which was early this morning, we've had over
28 110 residents of this community that have come forward and

1 wanted to swear and have sworn affidavits to be used in the
2 court proceeding to demonstrate and express their views that how
3 well behaved the truckers have been, how they've been shovelling
4 sidewalks, how it's a festive environment, and how important it
5 is to them that the truckers are here to show concern about the
6 loss of freedoms and the efforts to get them back.

7 So it's been overwhelming that these people --
8 people are usually reluctant to come forward and reluctant to
9 come forward and swear (audio skip) on their own initiatives, so
10 it's been quite remarkable.

11 **INTERVIEWER:** Just to touch on what my friend
12 here said, so there's been no indication that we're making any -
13 - or that the convoy, the movement, is making any progress
14 towards these mandates being lifted, which is the ultimate goal?
15 Is there anything we can comment on that, any progress?

16 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** (Audio skip) that one of the
17 health official -- I think it's the BC health official -- said
18 that they want to re-evaluate the mandates ---

19 **UNKNOWN MALE:** That was in Ontario.

20 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** --- and the passports. Was that
21 in Ontario as well?

22 **UNKNOWN MALE:** Yeah.

23 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** It's just been happening over --
24 I mean, it's little increments, you know, let's take those out,
25 see how people respond to it. So you are seeing enough people
26 within the political sphere realizing that wait, they swung
27 public opinion 40 percent in one poll in a week. Perhaps we
28 should pay attention to this.

1 So I think it's just going to take a little time
2 for them to catch up, but ---

3 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** Yeah. We've also seen Premier
4 Legault of Quebec (audio skip) surprised (audio skip) says he'll
5 communicate.

6 Premier Moe of Saskatchewan is sort of waffling
7 and twisting and he's kind of moving back, and I would say I
8 think he's doing the right thing.

9 Premier Kenney of Alberta has had a -- he's had a
10 rough week, and he's been called out by his own RCMP for putting
11 out false statements, et cetera. I think you see Premier Kenney
12 is now starting to backpedal and rumors coming out of health
13 officials in BC that they're backpedalling. And we've seen some
14 federal health officials -- you may have seen that headlined in
15 the Post that said, you know, that, "Considering getting rid of
16 the mandates, but it has nothing to do with the truckers."

17 So I would say that what we have done is we've
18 sort of hit the Capital, the shock waves have gone across the
19 province and you can feel them vibrating out across the country.

20 Also, we are aware that the federal government
21 told its employees last weekend, "Oh, don't come to work on
22 Monday. There'll be all those truckers. But Tuesday, it will
23 be clean up day. The truckers will be gone, and everything's
24 back to normal."

25 And of course, here we are a week later.

26 So I think if you're looking for signs of real
27 progress, watch tomorrow morning when all the officials, the
28 Prime Minister, the Cabinet, the advisors, the lobbyists, the

1 mayors, the city councillors, all those people have to wake up,
2 go to work tomorrow morning and we're still here.

3 There's a large presence of jurisdiction police,
4 there was, you know, over the weekend and during the week -- the
5 Durham Police, York Region Police. What's the status of their
6 presence? Do you guys have any update on whether they're going
7 to leave?

8 No indication when they're going to leave because
9 I don't think they know when they're going to leave. And I
10 don't think the mayor knows when they're going to leave.. We've
11 been having fun putting out pictures of gangs of police standing
12 there and I feel bad for them. You see, like, 12 guys from
13 Durham Region and they're all standing there kind of, you know,
14 looking around, talking. And then they walk down the end of the
15 block. And then they talk some more.

16 And we put out multiple pictures of these guys
17 standing there, so the City of Ottawa is complaining about the
18 extraordinary cost of the police (inaudible) hundreds of guys
19 standing there doing nothing because there's nothing going on.
20 So yeah, the police are here. We don't mind it and we think
21 it's great. We're encouraging people -- if you see a police
22 officer standing there, go over and say "Hello." That's not a
23 badge in uniform; that's an actual human being standing there.
24 So go talk to them. Find out where they're from.

25 I spent about four hours this week handing out
26 our daily intelligence report, banging on cop car windows,
27 going, "Hi, my name's Tom and I'm an ex-Intelligence Officer
28 around here helping out." And I would say at the front line we

1 are 90 to 95 percent super positive. We took a little social
2 visit out to the airport yesterday afternoon with a certain
3 umber of trucks, just for a little exercise of freedom of
4 movement, just a social call to the airport to say hello.

5 And I can tell you the first Ottawa police
6 officer who talked to us, I could see his face. He was just
7 like, "Oh my God. Please do not tell me you're coming here."

8 And he said, "You know, you have to understand
9 it's a tough situation."

10 And I said, "I know, fine. We're just out, you
11 know, a little exercise, and a little social call, having a bit
12 of fun. All is good."

13 And then, you know, we got three more cop cars
14 following us up to the airport. But even though that guy was
15 under a huge amount of pressure and he's getting heat from his
16 bosses -- like, what the heck are those guys doing at the
17 airport -- super polite, super professional, no problem.

18 So say hello to a cop. Go to the Adopt-a-Trucker
19 site and help out there. If you see a cop on the street, go say
20 hello. Help out there.

21 **INTERVIEWER:** I think this is a question for
22 Keith. So I'm just reading something on Twitter, another lawyer
23 saying that:

24 "Dear Freedom Convoy Truckers. I'm
25 hearing that some of you believe you
26 have legal representation. That is
27 wrong. Keith Wilson told a court he's
28 only acting for the leaders -- Barber,

1 Dichter, and Lich. You should contact
2 a lawyer now about your legal risk and
3 then offer to settle." (As read)

4 What do you have to say to that? Are the
5 truckers on their own as far as legal representation is
6 concerned? And just your thoughts.

7 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** What's happening here and what
8 we're witnessing not just here but in Toronto and other places
9 around Canada and indeed in the United States and for that
10 matter around the world -- this is an organic freedom movement.
11 This is not a coordinated orchestrated event at all. We have no
12 idea who most of these truckers are and where they came from and
13 how long they're staying.

14 Some come today, leave tomorrow. There's a
15 constant movement. There's far more Canadians arriving and
16 driving through the streets with signs and Canadian flags and
17 freedom slogans than there are even big trucks. It's really
18 remarkable.

19 The notion that any one lawyer or any one firm
20 could somehow magically represent the thousands and thousands
21 and probably tens of thousands of Canadians who are concerned
22 about the loss of their freedoms and government overreach is
23 obviously impossible. My clients are the three initial
24 organizers that just met one another and came together
25 organically -- they didn't pre-plan anything -- as well as the
26 new not-for-profit corporation that has been established in
27 accordance with all the accounting and legal requirements to
28 help disperse the donations in support of the truckers and their

1 expenses.

2 So that's the only people I represent and I've
3 tried to make that clear. They have lots of other kind of ad
4 hoc groups here and there. Any trucker who is concerned about
5 where they stand legally should get legal advice.

6 The class action lawsuit that's been filed, you
7 know, I don't do personal injury law and I don't do class action
8 lawsuits. And we all know there's those kinds of lawyers out
9 there. So let's go with that.

10 **INTERVIEWER:** Okay. Just a quick question for
11 any one of you here.

12 Why don't you just come out and distance
13 yourselves from Pat King, from the likes of Pat King because he
14 seems to pop up every now and then and in speaking to your PR
15 person, just on our way here, and she said that she had spoken
16 to you and that some agreement here and you might want to, you
17 know, put out a statement more aggressively perhaps.

18 So this is a question because, you know, I met
19 you guys last weekend and you were very clear that, you know,
20 he's doing his own thing and he was part of this early on but
21 you've distanced yourselves from him. I'm just wondering, why
22 don't you just come out and just say, "We have nothing to do
23 with him. Hold us accountable, not (Inaudible), right?"

24 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Yesterday or a few days ago I
25 did an interview on RT and I addressed that very issue.

26 **INTERVIEWER:** Okay.

27 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** They asked me about Pat King and
28 a couple of other people. I explained that because this is so

1 organic, there are many people in different groups that have
2 latched on to the movement. And anybody who (inaudible)
3 understand that it's a positive environment and that this is
4 about unity and family, whatever, they're more than welcome.

5 But you can't police people's behaviour. At
6 least, we can't. We're doing our best. We're trying to keep
7 people at bay like that.

8 **INTERVIEWER:** It's just that he's been saying
9 that he's a very important part of this movement. He's the
10 initial organizers, and that's ---

11 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Well, he can say a lot of
12 things. We believe in freedom of speech, and that's his right.
13 But you know, we have a not-for-profit corporation with a Board
14 of Directors. We have a team. There's the command centre of
15 people that have been putting all the Band-Aids on and
16 restructuring everything this week.

17 **INTERVIEWER:** Right.

18 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** And those are the people who
19 have put this whole thing together. There's a lot of them;
20 there's a lot of people. I just met some of them an hour ago
21 that I was unaware of what they were doing and they were unaware
22 of what I was doing, sort of thing. That's how massive this
23 thing has become. And the fact that there's a few people on the
24 side who are rabble rousers and want to make this about them --
25 and we issued a statement at the very beginning about this
26 individual who I've never met.

27 **INTERVIEWER:** Okay.

28 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** And I mean, we can't -- we're

1 doing our best to explain that that's not representative of our
2 convoy. And I think -- what was it, the third or fourth day
3 when you left? We had a conversation and I said, "Just send him
4 home." And they tried.

5 **INTERVIEWER:** Okay.

6 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** And he agreed, and he said he
7 was going to go home. And then he got in his truck and
8 continued.

9 **INTERVIEWER:** Okay.

10 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** So that's what we're dealing
11 with.

12 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** And I can confirm that the
13 legal lawsuit relating to the injunction was framed as though
14 Pat King is part of the Freedom Convoy. And I confirmed in
15 writing to the personal injury lawyer and I made representations
16 directly to the Court to confirm that Pat King -- that these
17 folks and the Freedom Convoy have no affiliation with Mr. King
18 whatsoever.

19 And as has been pointed out, we do have freedom
20 of speech. We have many people (inaudible) forums claiming to
21 be the spokespeople and representatives. These are the
22 spokespeople and representatives.

23 **INTERVIEWER:** Yeah. Well, that's one of the
24 problems and some response, feedback I'm getting from people who
25 are, you know, protesting to support you guys. They're struck
26 by the fact that there isn't very clear communication coming
27 from the organizers and you know, so I didn't even know you had
28 a PR person until today. And so some of what I've been hearing

1 is that you should have a very clear message and frequent
2 interactions whether, you know -- I know you don't trust the
3 media but just tweet about it or put out a video and just make
4 it very clear where you're coming from. And so this is coming
5 from your own supporters, you know. They're saying that the
6 communication has to be very clear.

7 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** Just one thing we are doing is
8 we're putting out a daily intelligence report as well as
9 individual warnings on a specific event or a specific -- or
10 something like that.

11 **INTERVIEWER:** Where is this?

12 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** One way to track it down, an
13 easy way to find it would be to go to Twitter @tomTSEC. That's
14 me, that's my Twitter account. Every time we create a new
15 special report I put it on there and it's got a Google drive
16 link. So when you hit the Google drive link you will find not
17 only the report I'm talking about, but all of the other
18 intelligence reports and special warning reports that are there.
19 And we're sending those out; we've started the last few days.
20 They're getting out to the truckers and now we're going to start
21 getting them out to the media.

22 So if you're curious about issues, events, what
23 our views are, special events, that kind of stuff, so over the
24 next couple of days we're going to have one special report out
25 on Chief Soly which will point out a bit of his background and
26 how he feels about what he's doing good and perhaps not so good.

27 We're going to have, weirdly enough, a report on
28 spirituality. We have discovered that within the ranks of the

1 people supporting us, there is a huge craving, a huge desire to
2 see some sort of moral compass back in government again. The
3 government has driven faith out of society, which is perhaps its
4 right, I don't know, but what we're seeing is people are longing
5 for some sort of moral compass, some sort of set of values, some
6 sort of virtue in government because government right now is
7 seen as, you know, unaccountable, irresponsible -- yeah, people
8 just don't trust it anymore.

9 So there's this awakening moving through the
10 movement as well which is quite exciting, so we'll have
11 something out on that. We're going to have a couple more coming
12 out on why Justin Trudeau refuses to negotiate with us. And our
13 suggestion is it's lot more to do with just mandates; it's to do
14 with his entire global project.

15 But anyway, @tomTSEC on Twitter, follow that
16 Twitter account and you'll see all our special intelligence
17 reports coming up on a daily or twice-a-day basis.

18 **INTERVIEWER:** Well, that's an interesting thing
19 that you just said, that this is not just about the mandates.
20 I've been speaking to a few truckers and everyone has their own
21 view. Some are -- well, all of them are united in opposing the
22 mandates. A few feel that they're not going to go anywhere
23 until Justin Trudeau resigns. And I've tried to engage with
24 them and I've said, "Look, we're a democracy here. We have to
25 follow the rule of law. There's a democratic process in place.
26 We have elections, et cetera, et cetera."

27 The -- you know, I've encountered this more than
28 a few times, where they say that they're not going to go

1 anywhere until Justin Trudeau resigns, and what is your take on
2 that? I mean, you're -- I know last weekend, you said that it
3 is all about the mandates; you just want all the mandates
4 dropped. Is that still the case?

5 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Yeah, that's still the case.

6 **INTERVIEWER:** Yeah.

7 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** I mean you're going to find with
8 -- I mean I have friends in trucking ---

9 **INTERVIEWER:** Yeah.

10 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** --- who are the same way, right?

11 **INTERVIEWER:** M'hm.

12 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Yeah, they would love Justin
13 Trudeau to resign but when see now -- this is why Candice taking
14 over the leadership of the conservative party and now Pierre
15 deciding he's going to run kind of gives them hope.

16 **INTERVIEWER:** M'hm.

17 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** I don't think it's all that
18 difficult to sell, you know, I know, to my friends that, "Yeah,
19 we want him to resign but we've got to be practical."

20 **INTERVIEWER:** Right.

21 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** We got what we want and the next
22 thing is the upcoming election. And given what's happened here,
23 I don't know how Trudeau remains in office, really. I just --
24 and I think most people realize that.

25 The other thing -- I just wanted to double back -
26 --

27 **INTERVIEWER:** Yeah.

1 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** --- when you said, you know, we
2 don't trust the media, we do. That's why you're here.

3 **INTERVIEWER:** Well, I should clarify. I'm just
4 here on my own ---

5 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** No, no, you're in ---

6 **INTERVIEWER:** I'm coming as my own person here,
7 not representing anybody because ---

8 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** But you're ---

9 **INTERVIEWER:** --- I'm a freelancer, so ---

10 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** But you're an independent
11 freelancer.

12 **INTERVIEWER:** Yeah.

13 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** You're fair, and you're
14 objective, and we're not sitting here like that other news
15 conference that happened, calling us names and trying to rabble
16 rouse and, you know ---

17 **INTERVIEWER:** So would you be open to the idea of
18 actually sitting down with a mainstream media person -- CTV, CBC
19 -- and you know, and having a conversation with them?

20 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** That's something we'll consider
21 over time but right now, it doesn't seem like we need it.

22 **INTERVIEWER:** Okay.

23 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** And this is an opportunity for
24 independent media to shine. One of the problems -- or a couple
25 of the problems I've mentioned in the past with mainstream media
26 is they'll come in here; there'll be five of them; they'll bully
27 everybody; their equipment is huge; they'll talk over everybody.
28 You know, it's like the 1929 crash and everybody wants to get

1 the scoop, right? That's how they came, whereas look at this;
2 we're calm; there's no time constraints; we're respecting
3 everybody. That's just not an environment that I think is
4 conducive to what we want.

5 And then we know, you know, their primary tactic
6 is lie by omission. So we're going to sit and do an interview
7 with them but we know it's going to be deceptively edited, so
8 what's the point?

9 And then, at the same time, they have nowhere
10 near the amount of reach in terms of views than you guys will,
11 right, because the nature of media has changed. And I think
12 this particular event is the pivotal moment for global media
13 where independent media starts to go on that journey to usurp
14 all corporate media, and I think that's why they're behaving so
15 maliciously towards us.

16 **INTERVIEWER:** Well, one interesting comment I've
17 been -- a lot of comments I've been getting from American
18 journalists -- many of them are actually Canadian.

19 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** M'hm.

20 **INTERVIEWER:** They pointed out something very
21 interesting to me, "Why is there no eyewitness coverage of this
22 movement? What is going on? All I keep hearing are these are a
23 bunch of white supremacists, but then I see these videos of
24 people dancing and singing and, you know, there are these
25 placards of love, and unity, and peace. What is going on?"

26 And this is -- these are -- these are
27 journalists, New York Times, NBC News. They're perplexed why
28 mainstream media hasn't ---

1 **MS. TAMARA LICH:** That's an excellent question.
2 And I actually had a relative of mine from Edmonton who texted
3 me yesterday and she was very concerned, you know. "How's
4 everything going? Are you okay down there?"

5 And I'm like, "We're great. Like, this is like
6 Canada Day on steroids here," right? So -- but what they're
7 seeing back home and what they're hearing from the mainstream
8 media is very disappointing. I mean we're out there -- I'm
9 hugging babies and little children are giving me cards, thank-
10 you cards, right? A lady today gave me a bag of socks to give
11 out to the truckers and she had a picture on it that they had
12 done and a quote from her 10-year-old son thanking the truckers.
13 This is what's happening out there for real, you know, not --
14 we're not a bunch of -- we're not here causing problems.

15 Our people are not being aggressive. And we've
16 said right from the start, "If you see people that are being
17 aggressive, report it. Get their licence plate. Contact us and
18 let us report it," because that's not us and that's not who we
19 are and we've never come here with an agenda to be violent, or
20 aggressive, or threatening.

21 We come here with a simple message, "Let's end
22 the mandates. Let's get our people all back to work. Let
23 people open up their businesses. Let children have birthday
24 parties," you know.

25 I ran into some kids in the elevator and they
26 were talking about the swimming pool; the swimming pool's empty.
27 These are our children that are begging for us to help save
28 their futures, right? They're the ones holding up the signs,

1 "Thank you truckers for saving our freedoms." This is what it's
2 all about.

3 And then you have the mainstream media upsetting
4 my family who thinks I'm in danger, right? But you guys have
5 been down there and you see what's going on. This is about
6 love. This is about unity and it's about coming together and
7 this is what we're seeing on the ground.

8 **INTERVIEWER:** You know, I -- you know -- sorry, I
9 don't want to monopolize your time here with all these questions
10 but, you know, I've been, you know, partly overseas and I've
11 been in this country for more than 20 years and I've seen it
12 change quite a bit. I'm really struck by the fact that -- and
13 I'm wondering if any one of you can answer this.

14 I've seen elected officials say -- threaten the
15 protesters and say, you know, "We're going to identify you and
16 take away your government aid. We'll come after you. We'll
17 take away this money that you've raised."

18 What's happened to Canada? Why -- why are -- why
19 are some officials here sounding like tinpot dictatorships?
20 What --

21 **MS. TAMARA LICH:** They (inaudible).

22 **INTERVIEWER:** --- dictators, you know -- what has
23 happened? I'm trying to figure this out but ---

24 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Well, also what you've noticed
25 is, you know, we've set up a soup kitchen, and cleaning up the
26 streets ---

27 **INTERVIEWER:** Right.

28 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** --- working with the homeless.

1 **INTERVIEWER:** I've seen that, yeah.

2 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Not one Ottawa politician has
3 been down there helping. And so they go on their little Zoom
4 calls and call everybody names while we're out there working
5 with the homeless because they've been negligent in their
6 duties.

7 **INTERVIEWER:** Well, I've heard of -- I know this
8 homeless guy on my street and, you know, I'm surrounded by five,
9 six different shelters. I was walking home at 1:00 a.m. last
10 night and he said, you know, "I hope the truckers never go
11 away."

12 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** Part of the mayor's strategy is
13 to starve us out. You'll notice, like, the malls are closed,
14 all the small businesses are closed, and it's an absolute sin
15 because after two years of abuse from the government --
16 lockdown, shutdowns, you know, you can only walk one way in the
17 grocery aisle and all that stuff. All of a sudden, now Ottawa
18 is flooded with people; it's just overflowing on the weekend.
19 All of these small businesses who could be cashing in like
20 crazy, making huge amounts of money, but because we're suffering
21 from collective punishment, being directed by Mayor Watson, they
22 too must suffer.

23 And as you know, I mean now they've tried closing
24 part of the Rideau Centre Subway access, the Link, and that's
25 where the homeless guys were hanging out and now they've kicked
26 them out of there. So yeah, we're seeing people talk about, you
27 know, "The homeless are suffering," and this and that. It's

1 like, "Well, we're out there; we're feeding them; we're doing
2 stuff for them."

3 But if the mayor is going to subject legal
4 protesters who are here to demand freedom to collective
5 punishment because he doesn't like it, and if he's going to
6 subject small business to collective punishment because he
7 doesn't like it, I think he's going to find himself in legal
8 trouble and political trouble in the next little while. If they
9 tried that crap in a prison, that one prisoner acted like an
10 idiot and they locked down the whole prison and started starving
11 them, human-rights people would be all over that in a heartbeat.

12 **INTERVIEWER:** Let's say that there's a move of
13 forcible -- the police or officials make a move to forcibly
14 start removing the trucks here, what would that even look like?
15 How would they -- do you guys have any idea of what that would
16 look like?

17 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** The only forces in the country
18 that could forcibly do that -- and here we're treading on very
19 thin ice. I'm ex-military, just so you know. Some of the
20 people helping out on the convoy are ex-military. The only
21 force -- it would be civic forces, which is to say tow truck
22 companies, who would have the physical capability to drag these
23 trucks out of here. And I think we made it fairly clear, those
24 guys are walking away. You know, it's just too hard.

25 The other force is the military, which has
26 engineering vehicles that could do that kind of work. I don't
27 see that happening. I don't think -- I don't -- with a possible
28 exception of -- I'm on thin ice here but, the possible exception

1 of the Prime Minister, I don't see any politician in the country
2 dumb enough to turn the military ---

3 **INTERVIEWER:** So there's -- like, we see on the
4 ground ---

5 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** -- against downtown citizens.

6 **INTERVIEWER:** We see on the ground how peaceful
7 it is, right? And it may sound extreme to say but you have no
8 concern at all about them using military actions?

9 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** You can never say never,
10 especially with a Prime Minister who has a history of sort of
11 totalitarian centralization. He's a big part of the globalist
12 movement, et cetera. But I mean our defence minister came out -
13 - when the Prime Minister was talking about this and the chief
14 of police was talking about it, the defence minister came out
15 and said, "Not happening," and I think that's the thing; there's
16 no mission here for the military. There's no aid to the civil
17 power mission because the city's not suffering that way. If
18 anybody's suffering, it's the truck drivers, not the civilian
19 population.

20 The only way they could do it is the *War Measures*
21 Act and that is a response to a war or to internal violence.
22 And if you recall correctly, we've had two War Measures Acts,
23 one by a guy named Pierre Trudeau, which was -- but in fairness
24 to Pierre Trudeau, that was aimed at a terrorist force and that
25 was to maintain control of certain areas to bring the bombings
26 down while the police went after the terrorists and got rid of
27 them. The other one was the Oka Crisis, which was an entirely
28 different situation at that point.

1 There is no violence here. There is no
2 insurrection. There's no threat to the civil power. So there
3 is no role for the military.

4 Also, it would be curious to know -- it would be
5 interesting to know whether the military itself (audio skip) to
6 go.

7 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** I'd just add that from having
8 travelled extensively through the downtown core and the
9 Parliament Block for a number of days now, when I first arrived,
10 I thought we would get stopped several blocks away, because you
11 couldn't move, and I'd end up walking. Any taxi I've been in or
12 anybody who's given me a ride has picked me up right in front of
13 the hotel and taken me to another hotel just like when I was in
14 Ottawa three years ago.

15 This notion that there's somewhere restriction --
16 and there are little side blocks in between other blocks where
17 they are fully blocked off, but you just go one block up and do
18 your left turn and you're good to go. So this notion that
19 somehow there's a siege here, I really encourage people to come
20 down and see for themselves because what you see on the legacy
21 media has no correlation whatsoever to what's happening on the
22 ground here.

23 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** And the only blockade that I've
24 seen, I experienced today when I was trying to go up to
25 Parliament Hill, was a police car.

26 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** Yeah, the only blockades I've
27 encountered as well are the police blockades where they're

1 blocking off with several police vehicles roads for reasons I
2 don't understand.

3 **INTERVIEWER:** Yesterday, there was -- I read an
4 article about the Chief Health Officer person, Teresa Tam, was
5 suggesting that it's time to re-examine the Vaccine Passport and
6 looking at the possibility of going back to normalcy. Do you
7 think that has to do with this movement? And how do you
8 envision this will end? Is it possible that some, you know,
9 Chief Health Officer announces that, you know, we no longer need
10 this kind of, you know, Vaccine Passport or these kind of
11 measures?

12 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Well, I think it's ---

13 **INTERVIEWER:** But that has nothing to do with --
14 with ---

15 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Yeah, nothing to do with the
16 truckers, absolutely nothing to do with the trucker. I think
17 the -- I mean our movement here, I'd guess you'd call it the
18 "initial convoy". But now they're seeing all these other
19 convoys of people who are getting inspired, getting their
20 communities together. You see what's happening on the Alberta
21 border. We don't actually have anything to do with it.

22 There's another convoy in Vancouver, in the B.C.
23 area. So people are rightfully fed up all over the country.
24 And I think it's more just us; they're seeing that it's a wave
25 of the general population that wants exactly that, that's just
26 fed up and wants life to go back to normal.

27 And ultimately with our system of government,
28 they're going to have no choice. They'll have to do something

1 to go back to some sense of normalcy. I think it's just a
2 matter of time for them to figure out what's the messaging
3 strategy because political parties always do that, "What's --
4 we've got to control the messaging," right? But once they
5 figure out the messaging that works for them and they know that
6 if they just meet the basic requirements of all of these
7 truckers who don't want the passports and the mandates, it's the
8 easiest, you know, shot to score on the net. It's simple for
9 them. And I think they'll do that. It's just a matter of time.

10 **INTERVIEWER:** And we've seen throughout this
11 pandemic, it's almost like a cycle, this reopening. And every
12 time there's a new variant, we see lots of harsh restrictions
13 return. If you do get what you want and the mandates and the
14 mandates are dropped and you leave, and the government decides
15 to reimpose these mandates because of a new variant, would you
16 be willing to come back to Ottawa to pressure them again?

17 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Of course.

18 **MS. TAMARA LICH:** I think you'll see that happen
19 ---

20 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Of course.

21 **MS. TAMARA LICH:** --- in short order.

22 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** I mean, one thing's for sure, I
23 don't think you would accuse any of these truckers of trusting
24 the government, right? So when they say they're going to remove
25 the mandates, and remove the passports and all mandates, the
26 convoys are going to start making their way back home but they
27 might not be going so quickly. They may take their time just

1 to see that everything is going to the way the government
2 promises.

3 But I think once the government makes that
4 promise, if they try to reverse, they're done. They have zero
5 legitimacy and credibility, you know, even amongst their own
6 base because you can't -- you know, one day it's this, one it's
7 that. Look what it did to Trudeau's reputation when they were
8 doing that, or Doug Ford's reputation, right? Their base of
9 support started to turn on them because one day to the other, it
10 changed, and everybody -- that's a big part of what's angered
11 some people, right?

12 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** Speaking of -- just one more --
13 speaking of bases of support, we're being accused of being a
14 "fringe minority" by the Prime Minister. So I have a Masters
15 Degree in Political Science, which I accidentally got at one
16 point in my life. So just for fun, let's say there's the list
17 in Canada put forward by Elections Canada of every registered
18 voter in Canada; that's 100 percent.

19 Now, in the last election that was just held last
20 fall, Justin Trudeau got 20 percent of all registered voters to
21 vote for him. And I think it was actually 20-point-something or
22 21-point-something, but it was 20 percent of all registered
23 voters who voted for Justin Trudeau. The other 80 percent
24 either didn't vote all or didn't vote for Justin Trudeau.

25 So to be perfectly clear, the "fringe minority"
26 is the Liberal Party of Canada that speaks on behalf of its 20
27 percent mandate. The other 80 percent of the country isn't

1 represented by the voice of Mr. Trudeau. He is the fringe
2 minority. The rest of us are the majority.

3 **INTERVIEWER:** Do you have any message for any
4 citizens in Ottawa that are currently upset with the current
5 situation with the noise, the honking? There seems to be a lot
6 of mainstream media outlets reporting on that. They're saying
7 that citizens in Ottawa are upset. Do you have a message for
8 those people?

9 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** I mean we -- I mean I haven't
10 personally encountered them. I saw one or two videos that went
11 viral and it looked like somebody from the Justin Trudeau (video
12 skip).

13 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** Here's another message as well.
14 People across the country are losing their jobs ---

15 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Yeah.

16 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** --- they're losing their homes,
17 they're losing their businesses ---

18 **MS. TAMARA LICH:** Yeah.

19 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** --- they're losing their
20 trucks, by the way.

21 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** That's right.

22 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** They've suffered for the last
23 two years under a series of arbitrary and capricious measures
24 which advance and then they retreat so everybody thinks it's
25 fine to get back into business. I know a restaurant owner here
26 bought a whole crapload of food for one weekend; Friday, they
27 closed the restaurants for the weekend and he loses several
28 thousand dollars worth of food.

1 So I know there's a lot of people complaining but
2 let's remember most of Ottawa is government, huge number of
3 civil servants here. They haven't missed a pay cheque; they've
4 got pay raises; some of them have gotten back pay; most of them
5 are working from home. Some of them who can't work from home
6 are just doing nothing and still getting paid. So yes, it's
7 unfortunate that they feel bad about the horns. Yes, it's
8 unfortunate they feel bad about the disruption. But the rest of
9 the country is hurting.

10 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** M'hm.

11 **MS. TAMARA LICH:** Yes.

12 **MR. DANIEL BULFORD:** Can I comment on that? Yes,
13 I understand it is annoying for some. My own children, who love
14 hockey, told me within the last two days -- my oldest daughter
15 who's a -- she's great hockey player, and my son who loves it,
16 they both told me that they don't even want to play hockey in
17 our hometown anymore because of how isolated and alienated they
18 feel because of the position that we have taken on this issue.
19 So the people dealing with the hockey, they're not the only ones
20 that are dealing with the impact of all of these mandates.

21 **INTERVIEWER:** Would you say that, to put it
22 concisely, the objective is just restoring the Canadian Charter
23 of Rights and Freedoms for all Canadians? And then a follow up
24 to that is, if that gets met, if that objective is met, just
25 your thoughts on, how do we keep them accountable for continuing
26 to honour? What is there -- are there any failsafe's that we
27 should have had that we didn't have that can be suggested to
28 make sure -- and, you know, my feeling is one of them -- we all,

1 as Canadians, every citizen has to be familiar with the Canadian
2 Charter of Rights and Freedoms and what the sections are. It's
3 -- you know, my little cousin can understand it and read it so
4 we should probably all be familiar.

5 So is that the objective and is there anything
6 (inaudible) how we can hold our politicians accountable for
7 actually honouring that commitment, if it's made, and we can all
8 go home and get back to work?

9 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Good question ---

10 **MS. TAMARA LICH:** M'hm.

11 **MR. DANIEL BULFORD:** --- and difficult to answer.
12 What we're hoping -- I mean we've discussed this privately -- is
13 that there will be momentum from here. People have felt -- I
14 mean we all know this; people have felt very demoralized for the
15 past several years. We've all been called names because we want
16 freedom, we don't want identity politics, we don't want
17 division, therefore we are racist. That's what we've been
18 dealing with.

19 And just before this news conference, I got a --
20 we're getting all these thousands of messages. I got a message
21 from a woman who is a single mother, two kids, and she said, for
22 the past two years, she just didn't want to live anymore; she
23 was suffering from depression and her children were depressed,
24 and she was done. And she saw this and she said, "You've given
25 me hope in my life and I" -- she came to Ottawa -- she's not
26 from Ottawa -- and she brought her children, and she -- her
27 little boy says, "Mommy, the truckers are going to free us and

1 we're going to have our lives back." We have heard that
2 thousands of times and it's really difficult, but it's amazing.

3 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** It's like a lot of worker
4 social unrest movements, G7G, G20, some of the Americas,
5 President Bush visits, that sort of thing. I was also a
6 security and operation risk manager for a G10 central bank and
7 we did a lot of look at social unrest movements in Europe.

8 So to directly answer your question, what can we
9 do to guarantee that the politicians will stay on the line, I
10 don't actually have an answer for you. I don't how we do that.

11 What I can tell you is that what I saw in Europe
12 when I went to riots in Athens and places like to see what was
13 going on is they have a method over there of getting their
14 politicians to pay attention more so than we do. A couple
15 hundred thousand people show up at the town square and say,
16 "We're going to burn the place down if you guys don't fix this."

17 So what we're seeing here in Canada, I hope, is
18 the start of a movement which is going to go national, where the
19 politicians are going to have start looking over their shoulders
20 and say, "Well, if we do this, what the -- gee, what are those
21 guys going to do?"

22 If the people fear the government, that's called
23 tyranny. If the government fears the people, that's called
24 liberty. And I think in Canada we're seeing the start of an
25 awakening where people are going to start reacting. So right
26 now, I mean the Alberta crossing just had three times -- like,
27 there was a huge pile-on yesterday. They've now increased the
28 number of vehicles there by about 300 percent. The Sarnia

1 crossing was just closed. Toronto's having problems. Quebec's
2 having problems. Ottawa's having problems. And I think what
3 we're going to see is people are just going to start going to
4 government and saying, "No, no, no, no, get this fixed. And if
5 you don't, we're realizing that we have the power to shut things
6 down."

7 I suspect that the government will be resistant
8 to that message for some time to come because they live in their
9 own little Ottawa bubble. Most people don't realize that
10 Canada, for Ottawa, is only 20 kilometres wide. There's 10
11 kilometres east of Parliament Hill and there's 10 kilometres
12 west of Parliament Hill, and that's Canada to those guys. They
13 have no clue what's going on in the rest of the country but I
14 think we've brought the message to Ottawa.

15 Now that the kinetic, the people that work, live,
16 move, deal in terms of horsepower, weight, fuel, that sort of
17 stuff, farmers, truckers, those people are bringing the message
18 to Ottawa and now that message is amplifying across the land.

19 So I think there's a start of a pushback. I
20 think it's a real movement. And I think over term, it's going
21 to rattle the politicians which, frankly, in a democratic
22 society, is a good thing.

23 **INTERVIEWER:** I have a question regarding some of
24 the accusations that some -- even on the right, people have
25 accused you of not following law and order and blocking
26 (inaudible). Maybe we can get a legal opinion on this, too. Do
27 you think that laws are being broken by the convoy protesters

1 and, if yes, do you think that there may be justification for
2 that or -- you know, in that sense?

3 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** Well, all Canadians have a
4 right under Section 2 of the Charter for free expression and
5 assembly, and the -- under Section 52 of the *Constitution Act*.
6 The Charter is the supreme law of Canada. It overrides any
7 municipal law. So -- which is our position is that the truckers
8 are exercising their constitutional rights in an effort to get
9 the ones that have been taken restored.

10 **INTERVIEWER:** What do you say to the -- to some
11 people who say this is illegal? I'm not a lawyer so I don't
12 really understand the ---

13 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** It's not.

14 **INTERVIEWER:** --- that this protest is illegal,
15 that you didn't have the permission to be here, and -- what do
16 you say to that?

17 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** I'd say the same thing I just
18 said.

19 **INTERVIEWER:** Yeah.

20 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** And -- but understand, I can't
21 speak to every detailed fact situation.

22 **INTERVIEWER:** Right.

23 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** I'm speaking generally that
24 all Canadians have the right as set out under the Charter. And
25 if the federal law, a provincial law, or a municipal bylaw
26 interferes with those right, it's of no force in effect because
27 it violates the Charter.

1 **INTERVIEWER:** We see pastors in Alberta being
2 locked up for not complying with COVID rules. Do you think that
3 there is a way that, you know, the organizers could be locked up
4 for their protests? And to you guys, are you guys willing to go
5 to jail, even if it's arbitrarily, to fight for your cause to
6 restore, you know, our freedoms for Canadians?

7 **UNKNOWN SPEAKER:** Yes, I mean absolutely.

8 **MS. TAMARA LICH:** This is my hill.

9 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** Justin Trudeau jailing a Metis
10 woman and someone who used to protect him.

11 **MS. TAMARA LICH:** And (inaudible) the same cell.

12 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** (Inaudible) the time.

13 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Yeah, we've got five more
14 minutes, at least for Tamara.

15 **INTERVIEWER:** And just one more question. There
16 was a fellow I know and he said, "What if the -- if the
17 Canadians allowed the truckers to come in -- come into Canada,"
18 he said, "but the Americans won't let the truckers go into the
19 United States without" ---

20 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Without a passport.

21 **INTERVIEWER:** --- the shot" -- with the shot.

22 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** I can address that.

23 **INTERVIEWER:** Okay, good.

24 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** The question is whether, based
25 on the science related to health and the science related to
26 health impacts of COVID, particularly Omicron -- is whether or
27 not it's a valid interference with truckers' Charter rights to
28 require them to be vaccinated. It doesn't make it valid -- it

1 doesn't make it a valid contravention of their Charter rights if
2 some other country has a similar requirement.

3 There's movements in the U.S. and legal
4 challenges that I understand are occurring where the truckers
5 there are doing a similar challenge, and if the argument -- if
6 the reasoning of the U.S. Supreme Court was, "Well, Canada's
7 doing it," that wouldn't be a valid legal proposition. It has
8 to have merits on its own within the country.

9 So it's -- frankly, and I've heard that many
10 times, too, so it's a good to a question to ask but, frankly,
11 legally and constitutionally, it's a red herring.

12 **INTERVIEWER:** May I ask, Tom, what is your role
13 in the movement?

14 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** What is it now? A lot has
15 changed in a week.

16 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** Yeah, a lot changes in a week.
17 As one leader said, "There are decades when only weeks happen,
18 and there are weeks when decades happen."

19 Currently, as I explained on another interview
20 yesterday, my role had kind of evolved into -- from a military
21 perspective to the military audience, I would I'm G2 for the
22 mission. That essentially means I'm the intelligence officer
23 for the mission. I see my primary role as protective
24 intelligence.

25 The rings that we put on that, the first ring
26 that we look as being responsible for the truck drivers
27 themselves and their equipment. That's our primary function, is
28 protective intelligence for those people. Are we allowed to say

1 "those people" anymore? Am I going to get deplatformed? -- for
2 those truckers. The second ring out is for those people who
3 work with us, whether it's to say the Ottawa Police, the Durham
4 Regional, the other -- how ever many police forces are here, the
5 paramedics, the firefighters, those kinds of people. And then
6 third ring out for protective intelligence is the citizenry of
7 Ottawa. So that's sort of -- well, our primary mission is
8 protective intelligence for those folks.

9 My secondary role is daily intelligence reporting
10 and special intelligence reports on certain events, certain
11 threats, or whatever. So yeah, I'm sort of the intelligence
12 officer for the mission, if you will.

13 We have some other folks doing what I would call
14 "hard security", which is physical protection of assets and
15 people, which differs from my role. And we have other ex-
16 military folks here doing what military folks would recognize as
17 G3, which is to say operations. They're running which truck
18 goes where, which logistic guy goes where. We need seven trucks
19 at the airport; we need 20 trucks over there; we need this much
20 fuel there. So that's a function that's being filled by another
21 military guy as well because that's the kind of stuff we're good
22 at doing.

23 **INTERVIEWER:** The media is just basically saying
24 that this is -- legacy media is trying to say that this is
25 uncontrollable. How in control of this situation do you guys
26 feel? If for some reason, whatever reason, you guys decided to
27 call this off, would the truckers listen to you guys and would
28 it all be gone?

1 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** We have an amazing relationship
2 with them. They're -- the thing is, truckers -- there's a
3 certain, I don't know, reputation that some people in urban
4 centres have when it comes to truckers, which is -- it's quite
5 silly. It's such a heavily regulated industry that they're not
6 dumb people. You know, when it's ELDs, their DOTs, there's
7 scheduling, you know, how many hours they can drive. They run
8 their own business when they're owner/operators. And most of
9 these guys are small business owners, right?

10 So they're very articulate; they understand
11 rules; they understand strategy; and they understand we have an
12 objective. I would that's almost 100 percent of the people who
13 are here so I'm not terribly worried. And the interactions, the
14 communications we've been having with them, it's stellar. Like,
15 we're all -- I've talked to a bunch of them, they're talking "my
16 brother's truck, my truck, their truck", you know, like, we're -
17 - there's some sort of comradery. There's a sense of
18 brotherliness between truckers, so I'm not terribly worried
19 about them going out and saying, "Oh, I'm not leaving." They
20 want to go back to work.

21 Like, this is the -- part of the societal problem
22 is we see so much, you know, protests, and activists from a
23 certain side of the political spectrum. We don't do this
24 because we're busy. We've got to work. We've got to pay our
25 taxes. We've got to raise families, right, so we don't really
26 have the time for this. They don't want to be here. They want
27 to be on the road making money. So as soon as these things are

1 lifted, you watch how quickly those guys want to go back to work
2 and start, you know, filling contracts.

3 **INTERVIEWER:** Back to their families.

4 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Yeah.

5 **INTERVIEWER:** Sorry, Ottawa Police have just
6 announced that anyone providing food or fuel to the convoy may
7 be subject to arrest. What is your response to that?

8 **MR. DANIEL BULFORD:** That's weird. I don't know.

9 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** That's being dealt with over at
10 the command centre right now. We're aware of the issue and know
11 it's going on. Again, it goes back to the earlier discussion
12 about Mayor Watson's collective punishment strategy of trying to
13 punish the business owners and the convoy owners, and that's one
14 more -- how do I put it -- escalation. He's escalating,
15 escalating, escalating, trying to do that.

16 The first thing they did was stop trucks from
17 coming in so we couldn't bring in diesel fuel and gasoline by
18 truck. So then we said, "All right, we'll bring it in like
19 three-quarter tonne trucks," and stuff like that, so they
20 blocked that. Then we're bringing it in by five-gallon jerry
21 cans; now they're blocking that. So the reality is, we'll find
22 another way around it.

23 Also, highly, highly questionable as to whether
24 that's legal or not, and that gets back to the issue of Charter
25 rights versus some local municipal bylaw that says you're not
26 allowed to pull a wagon down the street.

27 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** And also remember that any time
28 Mayor Watson, or other politicians like him, talk about

1 leadership, anybody who's been in a leadership role knows it's
2 very difficult because your job is to listen and to de-escalate
3 situations, not escalate the way he is. So I think -- I think
4 he's putting an end to his own political career and, you know, I
5 wish him luck in retirement.

6 **MR. KEITH WILSON:** I guess my legal comment would
7 be, the notion that the government can arrest a Canadian for
8 providing food to another Canadian is perhaps the most un-
9 Canadian thing I've heard so far.

10 **MR. DANIEL BULFORD:** Yeah. And if I may, from a
11 law enforcement perspective, you don't have to follow orders. I
12 hear that all the time, "Oh, they're just following orders.
13 They're just following orders." You don't have to follow an
14 order if you feel that is unjust. So it's time for law
15 enforcement to step up, okay? The truckers have done more to
16 stand up for me and my family than my own brothers and sisters
17 in law enforcement, and this is what law enforcement should have
18 done months ago, in my opinion. They're supposed to be the
19 protectors of the country, of the Constitution, of people's
20 fundamental rights and freedoms.

21 So no matter what the talking heads are saying at
22 the top, at the ground level, what are you prepared to do? Are
23 you prepared to arrest someone for carrying a jerry can of
24 gasoline to truck driver who's here to fight for all of our
25 freedoms, because I've seen -- I've seen mothers get arrested in
26 hockey rinks for watching their kids play sports. It's
27 disgusting. Where -- where -- what's the line? Where does the

1 line get crossed where you're no longer willing to support what
2 the management is telling you to do? That's all.

3 **INTERVIEWER:** I'm sorry, I have to say something
4 here. There are children in the convoy. Truckers have brought
5 their families; they've brought children. And for some official
6 to order that they should not provide food for children or
7 gasoline to keep the trucks running so that the kids can stay
8 warm inside the truck, I cannot actually believe my ears. You
9 have to know who's there. People think that there's a bunch of
10 great big six foot four burly men that are here. That's not
11 true. That's not right. And that's horrible.

12 **INTERVIEWER:** Has there been any word of police
13 officers or law enforcement coordinating and coming together and
14 having a conversation amongst officers about that topic, about
15 where the line is and who they actually serve, because they're
16 being put in a very tough spot and I've heard some people talk
17 about, "Well, why don't they all come together?"

18 I don't know if you've heard anything, or you
19 have any thoughts about that, or can inspire -- any words of
20 inspiration for officers that might be listening to this, that
21 they have much more power and autonomy than maybe they believe?

22 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** I do know that there are a lot
23 of officers that are privately in communication with each other
24 over WhatsApp and Signal who've been watching us across the
25 country who feel exactly as Chad just articulated. And, you
26 know, as one of them said to me the past couple of days, "I've
27 sworn an oath to the Charter, not to a political party, and I'm

1 not going to forget that, and I'm hoping the rest of law
2 enforcement remember that."

3 And that seems to be the overwhelming opinion but
4 the police have -- and Tom has done a lot of work on this --
5 have been so politicized on the top level amongst the police
6 brass that they always feel like they're under threat of
7 reprimand. But it's getting to the point where they don't care
8 anymore.

9 **INTERVIEWER:** Well, I do have to ask, like,
10 worst-case scenario, if they do start really strictly enforcing
11 that, or if they even try to think of employing tear gas or to
12 try to, you know, get the truckers out, how would you respond?
13 Or maybe how would -- like, what -- how would you go from there
14 if they tried to forcibly remove you from the Capital?

15 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** Well, I don't think we actually
16 have a position on that. We're hoping it doesn't get to there.
17 What I could tell you would happen if there was a physical
18 attack, I suspect you would see you would see thousands of
19 people come to Ottawa bringing trucks, farm equipment, whatever,
20 saying, "No."

21 **MR. DANIEL BULFORD:** Yeah, and I'd say it would
22 unite people even more in the peaceful non-compliance. That
23 would be such an egregious overstep, in my mind, that I think
24 that would be -- that would be a mistake on their part.

25 **MR. TOM QUIGGIN:** We don't need a Ceaușescu style
26 regime here and I don't think we're going to get one.

27 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** Yeah, exactly.

28 Okay, everybody, thank you.

1 **INTERVIEWER:** Thanks guys.

2 **MR. DANIEL BULFORD:** And if you have any further
3 questions, you know our email addresses, Twitter handles,
4 whatever.

5 **MS. TAMARA LICH:** I haven't checked my email in
6 two weeks, so sorry.

7 **MR. BJ DICHTER:** That's true. Twitter's really
8 good for us. We're getting overwhelmed with messages of support
9 but please don't feel hesitant to reach out with additional
10 questions. And we'll do another one of these. Let's see how
11 things transpire over the next week and go from there.

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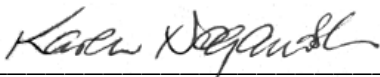
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